

South Dakota HOGS AND PIGS

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HOG NUMBERS UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

SIoux FALLS, December 30, 2002 –The state's December 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs was 1.29 million head, unchanged from one year ago but down 2 percent from last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 140,000 head, down 3 percent from last year but unchanged from last quarter. **Market hogs** totaled 1,150,000 head, fractionally above one year ago but 3 percent below last quarter's 1,180,000 head.

The September through November **pig crop** was 549,000 head, down 86,000 head (14 percent) from last year. During the quarter 61,000 sows farrowed, down 14 percent from 2001. Pigs per litter averaged 9.0, slightly above one year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 61,000 sows during December through February 2003, 13 percent below the actual farrowings a year earlier. Intentions for March through May 2003 are 66,000 sows, 6 percent below the actual farrowings a year earlier.

The number of hog operations in South Dakota during 2002 totaled 1,500, a decrease of 100 farms from one year earlier. Operations by size group and change in 2002 are: 1-99 head, 550 operations, down 50; 100-499 head, 450 operations, down 50; 500-999 head, 220 operations, unchanged; 1,000-1,999 head, 130 operations, unchanged; 2,000-4,999 head, 90 operations, unchanged ; and 5,000+ head, 60 operations, unchanged.

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